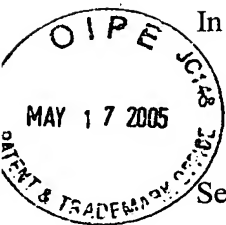


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In re Application of:

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FOR THE TREATMENT OF OCULAR
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**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO FINAL
OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2004**

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Official Action mailed November 17, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was February 17, 2005.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to May 17, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon, Inc. Deposit Account No. 501051.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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